

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for a customer to evaluate ~~supplier~~ performance a supplier, the supplier including at least one of a manufacturer manufacturing a component, an assembler assembling a component, a vendor and a service provider, the method comprising:
receiving a first evaluation of the supplier submitted electronically by a team member of
a customer of the supplier into a customer website;
receiving a second evaluation of the supplier submitted electronically by a team leader of
the customer into a customer website;
receiving a third evaluation of the supplier submitted electronically by the supplier into a
customer website; and
generating an indicia of a supplier's performance based on the first, second and third
evaluation, the supplier being chosen from a group consisting of a manufacturer
manufacturing a component, an assembler assembling a component, a vendor and
a service provider.
2. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
generating and providing a report representing the indicia of the supplier's performance.
3. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
providing access for the supplier to view electronically the indicia of the supplier's
performance.
4. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
providing access for the supplier to view electronically an indicia of the performance of
all suppliers of a class of components.
5. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
communicating an indicia of the performance of the supplier to members of a
manufacturing organization.

6. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
analyzing the performance of a supplier based on the performance of the best supplier in
the class of suppliers.
7. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
analyzing the performance of a supplier based on improvements required by a
manufacturer.
8. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
agreeing to future performance targets.
9. (Currently Amended) A system for evaluating a supplier, the supplier including
at least one of a manufacturer manufacturing a component, an assembler assembling a
component, a vendor and a service provider, comprising;
a computer system, the computer system including a computer program product encoded
in computer readable media, the computer program operable to:
receive a first evaluation of a supplier submitted by a team member of a customer of the
supplier;
receive a second evaluation of the supplier submitted by a team leader of the customer;
receive a third evaluation of the supplier submitted by the supplier; and
generate an indicia of the supplier's performance based on the first, second and third
evaluation.
10. (Original) The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the computer system is
configured to communicate over a network and to receive evaluations submitted from a second
computer system across the network.
11. (Original) The system as recited in claim 10, wherein the network is a public
global communication network.
12. (Cancelled).

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Currently Amended) A computer program product encoded in computer readable media, the computer program product comprising:
instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to:
receive a first evaluation of a supplier submitted electronically by a team member of a customer of the ~~vendor~~ supplier;
receive a second evaluation of a supplier submitted electronically by a team leader of the customer;
receive a third evaluation of the ~~vendor~~ supplier submitted electronically by the ~~vendor~~ supplier; and
generate an indicia of the ~~vendor's~~ performance of the supplier based upon the first, second and third evaluations, the supplier being chosen from a group consisting of a manufacturer manufacturing a component, an assembler assembling a component, a vendor and a service provider.

15. (Currently Amended) A system for evaluating a supplier, comprising:
a computer system, the computer system including a data storage device, the data storage device storing data for a supplier performance among suppliers supplying a class of components, comprising:
data representing quality of components supplied by each supplier;
data representing cost of components supplied by each supplier;
data representing availability of the components from each supplier;
data representing service performance of each supplier; and
data representing a top performing vendor among the suppliers supplying the class of components, the supplier being chosen from a group consisting of a manufacturer manufacturing a component, an assembler assembling a component, a vendor and a service provider.

16. (Original) The system as recited in claim 15, further comprising:
a server, wherein the computer system and the server are configured to communicate over
a network and receive evaluations submitted from a second computer system
across the network.
17. (Currently Amended) A method of evaluating the performance of a supplier, the
performance of the supplier determined from at least one of a group, comprising:
determining a best supplier in the class of suppliers, wherein the class of suppliers are
those suppliers supplying a component to a manufacturer, the determining being
performed by a computer system, the supplier being chosen from a group
consisting of a manufacturer manufacturing a component, an assembler
assembling a component, a vendor and a service provider.
18. (Original) The method as recited in claim 17, further comprising:
determining an indicia of quality of a component supplied by the supplier to the
manufacturer.
19. (Original) The method as recited in claim 17, further comprising:
determining a cost of a component provider by a supplier.
20. (Original) The method as recited in claim 17, further comprising:
determining an indicia of availability of components supplied by a supplier.
21. (Currently Amended) A method of evaluating the performance of a supplier, the
performance of the supplier determined from at least one of a group consisting of:
receiving a first evaluation of the supplier submitted electronically by a team member of
a customer of the supplier;
receiving a second evaluation of the supplier submitted electronically by a team leader of
the customer; and
generating an indicia of a supplier's performance based on the first and second
evaluation, the supplier being chosen from a group consisting of a manufacturer

manufacturing a component, an assembler assembling a component, a vendor and a service provider.

22. (Original) The method as recited in claim 21, further comprising:
communicating an indicia of the performance of the supplier to members of a
manufacturing organization.